every possible case. Full discretion has been given to the officers concerned. It does not seen desirable to enlarge the scope of these rules, but individual cases, if brought to notice, will be considered.

99. Speedy disposal of criminal cases.

Mr. M. Bhaskara Menon, B. A., B. L., (*Parur*) in whose name this subject stood withdrew it.

100. Undesirability of allowing extradition warrants issued from the British courts to be executed whether the accused is really guilty or not.

Mr. M. Narayana Panicker (*Ampalapuzha*) in whose name this subject stood also withdrew it.

101. Desirability of giving right of appeal to complainants in criminal cases ending in acquittal.

Mr. K. Padmanabhan Tampi (*Taluk Association, Kalkulam*) who had brought up this subject also withdrew it.

102. Supply of copies of judgments simultaneously with their pronouncement in criminal cases where the accused are punished with rigorous imprisonment.

Mr. K. Padmanabhan Tampi (*Taluk Association, Kalkulam*) observed that at present copies of judgments even when rigorous imprisonment was awarded as punishment were furnished to the prisoners only after the calendar was sent, while the parties convicted were at once taken over for hard labor. As no fees were charged for the grant of copies in such cases, the member thought it would be desirable to supply copies of judgments not later than 2 or 4 hours after pronouncement of judgment, to enable the prisoners to obtain early relief in a court of appeal.

Reply.—This is not feasible. A copy can be furnished only after the pronouncement of judgment and the number of hours within which this could be done cannot be fixed in all cases alike, as it will depend upon the length of the judgment, the number of the accused convicted, the time of the day when the judgment is pronounced and other considerations. Section 276 of the Criminal Procedure Code lays down that copies of judgments should be given to prisoners without delay. Dates of application and grant are entered in the copies furnished and any undue delay if reported to the authorities will be taken notice of.

103. Desirability of recruiting Sub-magistrates from practising lawyers instead of from the Huzur Cutcherry clerks.

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Mr. T. Marthandan Tampi, B. A., (*Trivandrum*) said that he made this suggestion at the instance of some of his constituents and pointed out that it would be desirable to ask the Huzur clerks to apprentice themselves under vakils for a year before they were appointed as sub-magistrates.

Reply.—Government will employ the best agency available for serving them. Pleaders have, as a matter of fact, been appointed in the past as sub-magistrates, as for instance, Mr. C. Govinda Pillai, B. A., B. L., Mr. V. S. Kesava Iyer, B. A., B. L., Mr. Sabhapathi Pillai and Mr. Iyem Pillai. Sub-magistrates are appointed not only from among the Huzur clerks as represented by the member, but also from the High Court and the Educational, Police and Registration departments. The recommendations from Peishkars are also considered in making the selection. A vakil with good practice will not care to begin service on such a low pay, while those who have but begun to practise and have not yet shown capacity for work cannot be chosen for this responsible place. No particular preference is shown to the clerks of the Huzur Cutcherry, though it must be admitted that they have ampler opportunities of learning business. It is open to any pleader to apply, when his claims will be duly considered along with those of others.

104. Necessity of attaching a sub-jail to every Magistrate's court.

Mr. M. Bhaskara Menon, B. A., B. L., (*Parur*) said that this was very necessary for the safe custody of under-trial prisoners, though it would mean a pretty large outlay of money.

Reply.—The question of attaching a sub-jail to every Magistrate's court under a separate officer and manned by warders has been engaging my attention. But, as the member himself said, it is a question of finance. The matter will however be considered.

105. Necessity for looking into the present situation and state of registration offices as they appear unsuitable for the preservation of valuable documents.

Mr. H. D. Deane on behalf of Mr. H. M. Knight (*Cardamom Planters' Association*) said that the registration offices were now situated in inconvenient and unfrequented localities and many of them were not sufficiently strong-built for the preservation of valuable records. Speaking for the people of Peermade, Mr. Deane

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